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TO: SCI, Third Army

SUBJECT: Exploitation of Frau Hildegard BEETZ

1. It is proposed to send Frau BEETZ from 12th Army Group to Third Army Intelligence Center for short-range exploitation. As the former secretary and confidante of Dr. HÜTTL, she can be expected to find out from HÜTTL what he considers to be the purpose of his present collaboration with us, and what his plans are for the future of Germany and of himself.

2. A lead for a conversation on such matters is provided by the letter that Dr. HÜTTL wrote to Frau BEETZ (the letter that was brought to her in Weimar by Lt. FRANCH). From this letter Frau BEETZ understood that HÜTTL had plans to work for the Americans, and that he was including her in his plans. Very little cover has to be invented for the operation, as Dr. HÜTTL has for some time been expecting Frau BEETZ' arrival; the delay can be explained by the overlapping of Army areas and the consequent necessity of taking Frau BEETZ first to a higher headquarters (which is, in fact, the truth). Dr. HÜTTL is being held under such conditions that a talk with his former secretary might logically be permitted.

3. It is proposed that Frau BEETZ be told the purpose of her visit, since she has already suggested to SCI Officers the likelihood of HÜTTL playing a double game, and the possibility that she might be able to check on his operations on our behalf. It is NOT proposed, however, to base the operation on her good faith alone. The plan calls for the installation of a microphone or recording device to overhear the conversation between Frau BEETZ and Dr. HÜTTL, and in this way to check on the report made to us by Frau BEETZ.

4. Request that you discuss this operation in detail with Lt. FLEX of Third Army I. C. and work with him on the necessary preliminary details. The installation of

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of the microphone, for example, will probably have to be covered by the moving of Dr. HOTTIL from one room to another that has already been so equipped. As the doctor has been in the hospital, this could be done on medical grounds. Frau BEETZ' arrival will be timed by us to take place some time after the move, so that the doctor's suspicions are not aroused by the coincidence.

5. Please advise this office of the completion of necessary arrangements and clearance, or of your comments upon the operation.

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